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DOG SNARED

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Frank Zinck holds the snare that he found around the neck of a dog in Shubie Park over the weekend. The incident has drawn the ire and concern of many dog owners, including Zinck. PHILIP CROUCHER/METRO

Make some noise, Halifax

Playoffs. Moose coach hoping for jacked-up crowd as team gears up for critical home matchup tonight against Remparts



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The stakes are higher this week than they've been in years for the Halifax Mooseheads.

After three long rebuilding seasons that featured just two home playoff games, the Mooseheads are finally playing hockey that matters, locked in a fierce, high-profile battle with the Quebec Remparts in the QMJHL quarter-finals.

After back-to-back road losses put them behind 2-0 in the best-of-seven series, the Mooseheads host the next three games — if a third game is necessary — at the Metro Centre starting Tuesday at 7 p.m.

"We have our home



Head coach Dominique Ducharme

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

crowd here and everyone's really excited to get back on the ice," said Mooseheads winger Darcy Ashley. "It's two highly skilled teams and there's going to be a lot of energy in the building. It's going to be exciting."

More than 26,000 turned out for the first two games at Colisee Pepsi in Quebec City. Fans were treated to fast-paced hockey featuring some of the top NHL prospects on the planet.

Both games were nail-

biters, with the Remparts winning 4-3 in overtime on Saturday and 4-2 with an empty-netter on Friday.

The Mooseheads averaged crowds of close to 7,500 in a first-round sweep of the Moncton Wildcats, generating an atmosphere that hadn't been seen at the Metro Centre for QMJHL hockey since the Herd's 2007-08 playoff run featuring Jakub Voracek and Brad Marchand.

"It's like having a seventh player on the ice," Ashley said. "Our fans, especially in the playoffs, have been great. The first two games, this building was full of energy and it's something you want to be a part of."

Although weeknight crowds can be a tough sell, the Mooseheads are hoping for even more fans as they fight for their playoff lives.

"The way people were (cheering) in the first round ... we're hoping for there to be even more noise and more push from the crowd," said Mooseheads head coach Dominique Ducharme. "It can only help our guys."

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Level Spot Lake

Search for missing fisherman postponed again

Halifax police postponed the search for a missing 33-year-old fisherman for a second straight day on Monday.

Police began the search for Brent Walton of Eastern Passage Friday at noon after receiving a report his boat capsized in Level Spot Lake in the Upper Lakeville area. The search was postponed Sunday and was scheduled to resume Monday but was called off because of the high winds.

"Officers' safety is of paramount importance to us," said RCMP spokeswoman Sgt. Brigdit Leger. "So, due to the high winds, the search was suspended today."

Police say Walton was with another fisherman when their boat began experiencing mechanical difficulties. The boat capsized and the other man swam to shore for help.

"At this time, we are still conducting a missing-person investigation. The focus of our search when this first occurred was the shoreline and that search was concluded with negative results," she said. "The next phase of our search, we're focusing on the area where Mr. Walton was last seen, and that was of course in Level Spot Lake."

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Valerie Lowe walks her border collie, the same breed of dog injured by a snare over the weekend, at Shubie Park in Dartmouth on Monday afternoon.

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Dog hurt by snare in Shubie Park

Search conducted.
Weekend incident has pet owners worried



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A border collie was caught in a snare in Shubie Park over the holiday weekend.

Frank Zinck was walking his two dogs in Shubie Park on Saturday when he noticed a border collie with a wire snare around its neck. The dog's owner didn't notice the wire since it was buried in the deep fur.

"I bent down to pet him and got a little jab from the wire. I realized he had a snare

Outrage

"To me this is a criminal offence: someone is deliberately trying to harm our pets, which are a part of our family for most of us who own dogs."

Frank Zinck, who noticed a border collie with a wire snare around its neck in Shubie Park

around his neck," Zinck said.

Zinck, who has hunting experience, said he doesn't think it was a rabbit snare. He said the wire was too thick and a dog would never be able to get its head in a rabbit snare, which is about the size of a fist.

"To me, this was deliberately set for dogs. I'm convinced of it."

Zinck said the dog's owner was really concerned and told him he only lets his dog off leash in Shubie Park.

"The only thing that saved that border collie was he got caught and struggled and it was his freaking out and twisting motion that broke the end off it," Zinck said.

He added that the dog's long fur kept the snare from doing too much damage. The wire was fully around the dog's neck, but the end of it was hanging down by its chest.

Zinck wasn't the only dog owner concerned about snares hiding in a very popu-

lar public park.

"I think that's terrible," said Valerie Lowe of Dartmouth, who walks her border collie every day in Shubie Park. "It's a park for children and dogs off leash. They could really get injured."

East Dartmouth-The Lakes Coun. Darren Fisher was out with others searching Shubie Park Monday afternoon for more snares.

"We're kicking through the bushes to see if this was a one-off or if someone is out there trying to hurt dogs."

But they didn't find anything — not surprising in such a huge, wooded park.

The incident was reported to the Department of Natural Resources, who couldn't be reached for comment Monday.

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Like a Rolling Stone

At the New York launch of his exhibition Faces, Time and Places, guitarist Ronnie Wood talks about The Rolling Stones heading to the studio, his solo projects and art versus music. Watch at metronews.ca

Quick thinking

Students in Washington state stopped a school bus on Monday after the driver lost consciousness. One seventh-grader grabbed the wheel while others attempted CPR. Watch at metronews.ca

Mobile news



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Hants County. Police investigate fatal single-vehicle crash

A 20-year-old Hants County man is dead after his car struck a walled culvert on Sunday.

Police say they responded to a call around 4:40 p.m. in the 300 block of Horne Settlement Road in Enfield after the single-vehicle crash.

"The investigation is ongoing to determine what caused the collision," said RCMP Sgt. Brigdit Leger.

"At this time we haven't eliminated any possible cause."

Road conditions:

RCMP spokeswoman Sgt. Brigdit Leger said at the time of the incident the roads were wet, but not covered in ice.

The man was the only occupant in the vehicle and died while being transported to the hospital.

DREW CASFORD/FOR METRO

Truro

Man asks cops to shoot him

A Truro man who wanted police to shoot him following a domestic dispute was disabled with a Taser stun gun over the weekend.

Truro Police Service Insp. Rob Hearn said that when officers responded to the residence on Lynn Street on Saturday, they were greeted by a man

holding a knife.

"And when they arrived he wanted the officers to shoot him," Hearn said.

Aaron David Anderson, 34, is currently being held in remand and is scheduled to appear in provincial court in Truro on Tuesday.

Hearn said the Truro force deploys its Taser guns up to about five times per year and for every incident a report is sent to the Nova Scotia Department of Justice.

TRURO DAILY NEWS

Students, faculty worry about future of NSCAD

Art school. Board has not recommended a merger, but report says talks have begun for possible 'affiliation' with Dalhousie and Saint Mary's.

A report recommending fewer professors and higher tuition fees at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design is generating a backlash from the school's student and faculty unions, who say such measures would harm the classroom.

Alvin Comiter, president of the faculty union for NSCAD, said the board of governors report would be a setback for the cash-strapped school if the provincial government were to accept it.

"I think people are going to be very angry when they read it and they're going to feel betrayed," Comiter said Monday.

"We were told over and over and over again in public meetings and in private conversations with representatives from the board that there would be ...



A student walks near NSCAD University, the oldest independent school in Canada granting fine arts degrees to its graduates. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

no layoffs of employees."

The report, released last Thursday, recommends reducing the school's workforce by 26 employees in this fiscal year through early retirement incentives and severance packages. It says of those 26 positions, the majority should not be replaced, and those that are should be paid at a lower rate.

"It's hard to imagine that

they can do that without seriously affecting the quality of our programs," Comiter said.

The board's report addresses recommendations made by Howard Windsor in his December 2011 report on financial troubles at the 125-year-old university.

The financial sustainability plan, now with the province's Advanced Education Depart-

No comment

The government has not responded to the board of governors report. The Advanced Education Department did not return phone calls Monday.

ment, outlines the school's plan to reduce its multimillion-dollar deficit.

The board said the school faces a deficit that could grow to \$4.9 million by 2016-17 if no changes are implemented. However, it said its recommendations could see the deficit drop to \$1.7 million in that same fiscal year.

Part of the board's plan includes a tuition-fee hike to \$6,000 from \$5,660 to bring the university in line with provincial averages, it said.

Robyn Touchie, president of the university's student union, said the fee hikes would be exorbitant.

"I don't feel like I can afford to pay that much more of tuition and still be able to live," Touchie said.

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And the band played on ...

Titanic. Musical tribute to ship's musicians takes place in Halifax tonight

They are remembered for playing on as the Titanic sank to its watery grave, but exactly what song the orchestra chose as its last remains up for debate.

Journalist Alan Hustak, who has written extensively on the tragedy, says the men played mostly upbeat melodies, but it's widely believed their last song was Nearer, My God, to Thee.

"There are two hymns called Nearer, My God, to Thee, and one is British and one is American," says Hustak, author of *Titanic: The Canadian Story*.

"The Americans aboard claimed they heard the American hymn and the British claimed they heard the British hymn ... but there is no question they played (until the end)."

Only three bodies of the eight members of the orchestra were recovered in the aftermath of the tragedy: Band leader Wallace Hartley, violinist John Law Hume and bass violinist John Frederick Preston

Musicians remembered

- A tribute to the eight musicians who played aboard the Titanic is scheduled for tonight at 7:30 at the Dalhousie Arts Centre. It was booked for tonight to commemorate 100 years to the day that the band arrived on board.

- Bruce Guthro, Meaghan Smith, Lennie Gallant, Rhapsody Quintet, Jenn Grant, Evans and Doherty and an orchestra featuring members of Symphony Nova Scotia will pay tribute to those who played as the ship sank.



Meaghan Smith

Clarke.

Hartley was buried in Colne, England, while Halifax was the final resting place for both Hume and Clarke.



A band plays the tune Viceroy Tea as passengers line up to check in for the MS Balmoral Titanic memorial cruise in Southampton, England, on Sunday. Nearly 100 years after the Titanic went down, the cruise with the same number of passengers aboard set sail to retrace the ship's voyage, including a visit to the place where it sank. ALASTAIR GRANT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hume, who lies in Fairview Lawn Cemetery, was born in Dumfries, Scotland. The 21-year-old was planning to marry his pregnant girlfriend on his return from overseas,

and was known equally for his musical talent and penchant for practical jokes.

For John Frederick Preston Clarke, a bass violinist from Liverpool, England, the voy-

age from Southampton to New York City was his first time at sea.

Clarke had worked in an orchestra pit playing music for silent films before setting sail

on the Titanic at the age of 28.

Among the items found on his body was a gold ring with the inscription J.F.P.C. He is buried at Mount Olivet Cemetery.

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Construction of Melford terminal to begin this year

The developers of a \$350-million deepwater container terminal in the Strait of Canso say the project will begin this year.

Richie Mann, vice-president of marketing for Melford International Terminal, said funding for the project has already been secured.

"It's fair to say that there's significant interest in the project. The value proposition is certainly getting the attention of the major carriers and, as I said, we remain optimistic," Mann said.

Mann said a freight customer base must be developed

before construction begins.

"We have a desire to get construction going as soon as possible," Mann said. "We will not do that until we have all of the elements in place that we deem necessary, and that includes cargo commitment."

In July 2010, Maher Termin-

als said it would be taking an unspecified stake in the terminal, which will cover 315 acres and include an intermodal on-dock rail facility and a 1,500-acre logistics park on the mainland side of the strait.

An economic-impact statement says the terminal is

expected to employ up to 80 people per shift. That estimate does not include customs and security officers, associated trucking and construction jobs, as well as jobs associated with the development of a proposed logistics park.

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Budget 2012-13. School board sharpening knives for deep cuts

Exactly what will be placed on the chopping block by the Halifax Regional School Board will be hammered out over the next few weeks.

The province has asked school boards to trim their budgets by three per cent. Last week, Chignecto-Central Regional School Board decided to cut 41 librarian positions to make its budget work.

"I don't envy Chignecto in making that decision. Librarians are an integral part of the education we provide in the school," said Irvine Carvery, chairman of the Halifax Regional School Board.

"Obviously they had no other recourse when they compare librarians to teachers in the classroom."



Irvine Carvery RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

The Halifax Regional School Board's finance department is preparing the budget and will present it to the board in a closed-door meeting next week. The board will

Cutting back

\$10M

The amount the Halifax Regional School Board must cut from its budget.

examine its options and a final budget will be discussed, and voted on, during a public board meeting.

"Everything's on the table," Carvery said.

All boards are facing the same challenge, he said. "And what I'm hearing is that there's no way they're going to be able to meet those cuts without affecting staff. I'm hearing that right across the province."

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Transgender model tells story in TV interview

Reinstated.

Vancouver's Jenna Talackova allowed to compete in Miss Universe Canada, says Donald Trump

Miss Universe contestant Jenna Talackova has a boyfriend and hopes to have two kids some day, but didn't initially tell him she was born male, the transgender Canadian beauty queen said Monday.

In an interview with ABC Television's Good Morning America, Talackova said she and her boyfriend of two-and-a-half years needed to get to know each other as friends before she told him about her sex-change procedure.

"Of course I had to let him know," Talackova said.

"He was very supportive, very accepting. He saw me for who I was."



Jenna Talackova, left, poses with ABC's Barbara Walters in New York. HEIDI GUTMAN/ABC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Talackova was asked whether she wants to have children. She replied, without elaborating, "Yes, I want to have two children."

Talackova, 23, had already made the Miss Universe Canada final before pageant organizers unleashed a wave of global media attention last month by disqualifying her on the basis she had to be a "naturally born"

female.

Pageant owner Donald Trump finally stepped in and overruled that decision, reinstating her ahead of the May 19 Miss Universe Canada contest.

High-profile American lawyer Gloria Allred said Trump did the right thing by allowing Talackova to stay in the competition, because the disqualification was simply wrong, something that should be recognized globally.

"We wanted Donald Trump to step up and be a leader in this battle for equality (and) we're very happy that he has conceded that rule does violate the laws of Canada and of the United States," Allred said.

Trump appeared to agree with that position last week, saying it wouldn't be fair to allow transgender contestants to compete only in certain countries.

Talackova, of Vancouver, underwent sex-change surgery at age 19. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Thousands gather for Vimy ceremony

Gunner Joe Foster, of the 15th Field Artillery Regiment, plays Last Post during a Vimy Day ceremony at Victory Square in Vancouver on Monday. In France, thousands of students carrying Canadian flags and banners paid silent tribute to nearly 3,600 fallen countrymen. An estimated 5,000 students braved persistent rains during a slow march that covered the two kilometres from France's Vimy Ridge Memorial to a pair of cemeteries where Canada's war dead are buried. Gov. Gen. David Johnston, Veterans Affairs Minister Steven Blaney, and other Canadian and French dignitaries were on hand for the ceremony. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Next question

Expert asks: What can the F-35s do?

An expert who's tracked the controversial F-35 stealth-fighter program says the Canadian government is not going far enough — and should conduct a thorough audit of what the new jet

can and cannot do.

Winslow Wheeler, of the Washington-based Centre for Defence Information, says the debate following last week's auditor general report needs to move beyond the eye-popping cost and muddled procurement process.

The Harper government last week committed to reviewing the acquisition

and sustainment costs of the F-35, among other things.

Wheeler, who's testified before Parliament and spent years working for the U.S. General Accounting Office, says auditor general Michael Ferguson's report was actually tame, and what's needed now is an independent, fact-based analysis of the claims made by the manufacturer.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Diamond Jubilee. Number of applications overwhelms Canadian Heritage: Report

A new document shows the Department of Canadian Heritage was flooded with applications for money to throw community celebrations to mark the Queen's 60th year on the throne.

Companies, schools, municipalities and other groups can apply to a \$2-million pot for money to host their own Diamond Jubilee parties.

But a report by the Diamond Jubilee advisory committee said that by last fall the department had already received more party pitches than it could pay for.

The report did not say how many of those eligible proposals would actually be funded. Nor did it give any examples of the celebrations proposed.

The government has not disclosed which groups received Diamond Jubilee money.

A spokesman for Heritage Minister James Moore said roughly half the funding has so far been allocated. The rest will be disbursed later this year.

The head of the Monarchist League of Canada attributed the large volume of applications to a renewed

Costly celebration

Canadian Heritage received 232 proposals in the first round, of which 180 were eligible for funding.

- Seventy-eight proposals came from Ontario. Another 50 came from Atlantic Canada and 49 came from British Columbia, Alberta and the Yukon. Thirty-nine came from Saskatchewan, Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut. Only 16 came from Quebec.

interest in the monarchy and the Royal Family.

"A lot of it has to do with the royal wedding of last year," Robert Finch said. "But equally, people have started to really recognize that the Queen herself is worthy of the celebration."

The government is spending a total of \$7.5 million on the festivities. That includes \$2 million for the community celebrations and \$3.7 million for 60,000 special medals for civic-minded Canadians.

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Investigation. Canadian navy may be linked to endangered orca's death

The corpse of a young killer whale whose death may be linked to Canadian war games has prompted an investigation by U.S. authorities.

The body of the southern resident orca — an endangered species in the United States — was discovered on Long Beach in Washington state in February, just days after HMCS Ottawa conducted sonar training exercises in the waters off Victoria.

A preliminary examination indicated significant trauma around the head, chest and right side of the orca known as L112, but results of necropsy

and pathology tests and a scan of the animal's head are incomplete. Just hours after the navy sonar tests were heard, southern resident killer whales were spotted in the same area in the Haro Strait that divides Canada and the United States.

The law-enforcement office of the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or NOAA, has launched an investigation into the death. Brian Gorman, with NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service, said investigators haven't made a connection between the naval exercise and the death of the whale. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



The body of a three-year-old female killer whale washed up on Long Beach, Wash., in February. Experts are trying to determine if sonar testing by a Canadian naval ship may have contributed to the death. CASCADIA RESEARCH/CONTRIBUTED

Quebec quarrel

Massive student protest planned

Students are fighting Quebec's plan to raise tuition by nearly 75 per cent over five years — a jump that would still leave provincial tuition among the lowest in Canada.

Protest organizers also say they are planning a massive demonstration in Montreal for this Saturday — to mark the ninth anniversary of Jean Charest's election as premier on April 14, 2003.

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Alleged stalker

Quebecer arrested near actor's home

New York City police are confirming they have arrested a Quebec woman for allegedly stalking actor Alec Baldwin.

A police spokesman says Genevieve Sabourin was arrested last night at Baldwin's Manhattan home. She was arrested and charged with aggravated harassment and stalking. Sabourin has not yet been arraigned.

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Patriarch passes

Alberta oilsands opponent dies

Eco-warrior to some, terrorist to others, Wiebo Ludwig was for decades a polarizing figure in the debate over northern Alberta's oil and gas industry.

Ludwig died Monday at the age of 70 after a battle with esophageal cancer.

Long before celebrities such as James Cameron took up their genteel fight against oilsands development, Ludwig waged war against the energy industry from his home at Trickle Creek. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Pickton trial

Surviving sex worker to testify

A former sex worker who survived an attack on Robert Pickton's farm five years before he was arrested is set to testify at the public inquiry into the case in Vancouver.

The hearings are examining the failed police investigation into Pickton, but also the Crown's decision not to prosecute Pickton for the 1997 attack. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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Working to save trapped miners in Peru

Workers cut logs during the rescue operation to save nine trapped miners at the Cabeza de Negro gold and copper mine in Yauca del Rosario, Peru, Monday. Peruvian authorities say nine miners trapped since April 5 are being supplied with sports drinks, soup and food while emergency responders work to free them.

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Crime

Suspects in court following Tulsa shooting spree

Two Oklahoma men suspected in a shooting rampage that left three people dead and terrorized Tulsa's African-American community made their first court ap-

pearance Monday.

Jake England, 19, and Alvin Watts, 32, appeared via closed-circuit TV.

The judge set their bond at \$9.16 million US apiece.

Both are being held on suspicion of three counts of first-degree murder, two counts of shooting with the intent to kill and one count of possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony. They will be formally

charged at a later date.

Neither had an attorney present. Their next appearance is set for April 16.

Police have identified both suspects as white, while all five victims in Friday's shootings were black. Police say it's too early to say whether the attacks in Tulsa's predominantly black north side were racially motivated.

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No grand jury in Trayvon shooting

Neighbourhood-watch incident.



Trayvon Martin
MARTIN FAMILY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

face of danger.

A grand jury had been set to meet Tuesday. Corey has long had a reputation for not using grand juries if not necessary. In Florida, only first-degree murder cases require the use of grand juries.

Corey's decision means she doesn't have to rely on potentially unpredictable jurors, said David Hill, an Orlando criminal defence attorney.

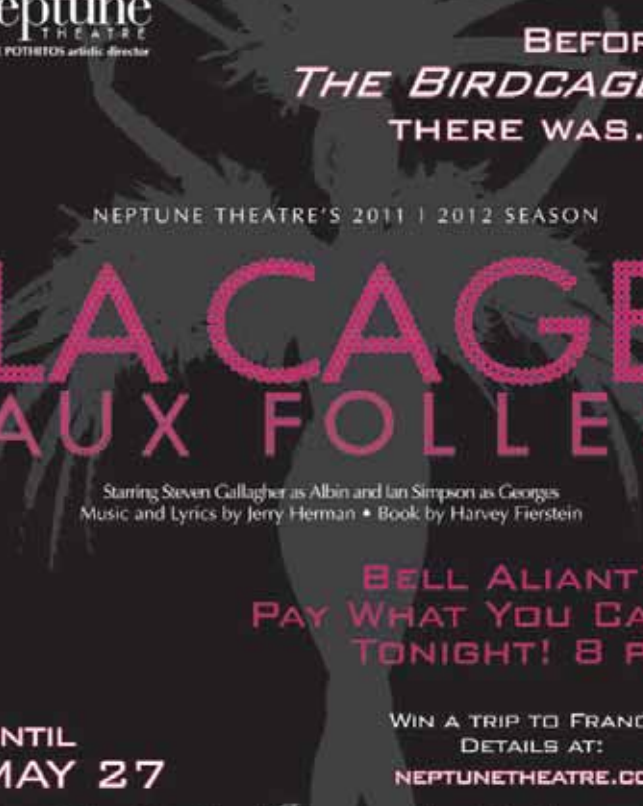
"Let's give her the benefit of the doubt. Maybe she knows there isn't enough for first-degree murder but she wants to maintain control and charge him with something else," Hill said. "What does she need a grand jury for? She cuts out the unpredictability of the grand jury. She goes where she feels she has more evidence."

Corey took over the case last month after the prosecutor who normally handles cases out of the city of Sanford recused himself. That prosecutor had called for the case to be presented before a grand jury. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

prison sentence.

The case has led to protests across the U.S. and spurred a debate about race and the laws of self-defence. Martin was black; Zimmerman's father is white and his mother is Hispanic.

Zimmerman has claimed self-defence in the Feb. 26 confrontation and shooting. Florida's self-defence law gives wide leeway to use deadly force and eliminates a person's duty to retreat in the



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Foreign help expected after fatal Pakistan avalanche



In this Feb. 19 file photo, Pakistani army soldiers with the 20th Lancers Armored Regiment carry supplies up the 2,400-metre mountain near their outpost, in Pakistan's Dir district. ANJA NEIDRINGHAUS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

An avalanche that buried more than 120 soldiers in a Himalayan region close to India has put a spotlight on what critics say is one of world's most pointless military deployments: Two poverty-racked nations engaged in a costly standoff over an uninhabitable patch of mountain and ice.

Since Saturday morning when the massive wall of snow engulfed a Pakistani military complex close to the Siachen Glacier, rescue teams have been unable to dig up any survivors. There is now very little hope that even a small number of people will come out alive.

A team of U.S. military ex-

perts was expected to arrive at the site Monday to assist in the rescue efforts, according to an American official. The team flew in from Afghanistan after the Pakistani army asked for help, the official said on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to brief the media.

The U.S. military helped Pakistan after the 2005 Kashmir earthquake and floods in 2010, ventures that Washington used to bolster efforts to strengthen its ties with Islamabad, vital in the fight against al-Qaida. The current mission is far smaller, and comes amid a near-breakdown in relations between the two countries.

Switzerland and Germany

are also sending small teams of experts to help, said the Pakistani army.

The missing soldiers are part of the Pakistani military deployment to the Siachen Glacier, which forms the northern part of Kashmir region, disputed between Islamabad and India and the main source of tension between the nuclear-armed rivals who have fought three wars since 1947.

The conflict over Siachen began in 1984 when India occupied the heights of the 78-kilometre-long glacier, fearing Pakistan wanted to claim the territory. Islamabad also deployed its troops.

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Sunday's deadly slide

At least 124 soldiers and 11 civilian contractors were buried, the military said.

- The avalanche plowed into the headquarters at Gayari sector, which is at the entrance to the glacier, and buried the complex under more than 20 metres of snow.
- There are temperatures as low as -60 C, vicious winds and altitude sickness — the region is just east of the world's second-highest peak, K-2.



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Jury selection starts in killing of Oscar winner's relatives

Judge to question would-be jurors.

William Balfour, 30, charged with killing Jennifer Hudson's mother, brother and nephew

A judge will question would-be jurors as jury selection begins in earnest at the Chicago trial of the man accused of murdering singer and Oscar-winning actress Jennifer Hudson's mother, brother and nephew.

Hudson, who was not in Chicago at the time of the killings, told investigators

she was in touch with her mother almost every day and became concerned when she couldn't reach her by late morning on Oct. 24, 2008.

Hours later, the bodies of her mother, Darnell Donerson, 57, and brother, Jason Hudson, 29, were found shot to death in the family home. The body of her seven-year-old nephew, Julian King, was found days later in a sport utility vehicle several kilometres away.

Selecting 12 jurors and six alternates able to set aside sympathy for the Hollywood star and assess guilt only according to evidence presented in court against William Balfour could pose a challenge.

It's expected to take two or three days to make final selections from among 150 prospective jurors.

Judge Charles Burns will aim to weed out anyone who might be swayed by the 30-year-old Hudson's celebrity, though he's unlikely to automatically exclude Hudson fans if they can convince him their biases won't affect their deliberations.

If convicted, Balfour, who is also 30, faces a maximum life sentence. His lawyers have said the evidence is circumstantial; prosecutors say the proof includes gun residue found on his car's steering wheel, and that testimony will show he lied about his whereabouts the day of

Testimony begins April 23

Court officials say Hudson is expected to attend every day of the trial.

- Hudson is on a 300-name list of potential witnesses, though it's not certain she will testify.
- Nine of 66 questions on a questionnaire the would-be jurors filled out dealt with Hudson's career.



Jennifer Hudson arrives before the 83rd Academy Awards in February 2011 in Hollywood. CHRIS PIZZELLO / THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

the murders.

Testimony begins April 23.
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No one killed

U.S. navy will compensate victims of military jet crash

U.S. navy officials say they will begin providing compensation right away to those affected by Friday's military jet crash into a Virginia Beach

apartment complex.

Initial payments will begin at \$2,300 US for an individual resident, with more going to residents with families.

Dozens of apartment units were destroyed when the F/A-18D Hornet careened into the Mayfair Mews apartment complex.

Residents won't be permitted onto the site until the cleanup is complete.

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Dame Grand Cross

Camilla gets highest female rank in Royal Victorian Order

Queen Elizabeth has appointed the Duchess of Cornwall to the highest female rank in the Royal Victorian Order, Buckingham

Palace said Monday.

The announcement that Camilla has been made a Dame Grand Cross comes on the day of her seventh wedding anniversary with Prince Charles.

Awards under the Royal Victorian Order are given by the Queen to people who have served her or the monarchy in a personal way. They are bestowed independently of the prime minister. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Serbia

Clashes over permanent housing for Roma people

Fourteen people have been injured in clashes between policemen and stone-hurling rioters protesting the building of a

Roma settlement in a Belgrade, Serbia, suburb.

Police said 12 officers and two protesters were hurt in the clashes in the village of Resnik on Sunday. About 20 protesters were arrested.

Police were trying to protect the construction of a permanent housing settlement for the Roma, who are to be moved from a slum in downtown Belgrade. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Thinking of retiring on Mars? It could be a thing of the not-too-distant future, but blasting off remains expensive, and not a priority for earthly governments



ELISABETH BRAW
Metro World News

Astronauts can live in space for six months, so what's to stop others from spending half a year there, too? Or living there permanently?

Very little.

"An American millionaire who has made a fortune on hotels is already trying out inflatable space stations for use as space hotels," notes Chris Welch, lecturer in astronautics and space systems at the International Space University in Strasbourg, France.

"Once we have hotels in space, living in space won't be very far away."

The millionaire, Robert Bigelow, runs the company Bigelow Aerospace, whose space capsules will provide long-term accommodation for up to six people.

Galactic Suites also plans space hotels, while Richard Branson's Virgin Galactic intends to launch short-term space flights to lower orbit.

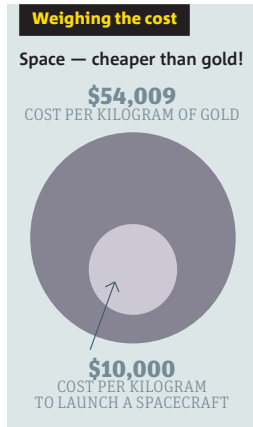
PayPal co-founder Elon Musk, who now runs space-exploration company SpaceX, says he'd like to retire on Mars.

And at universities around the world, researchers are designing the buildings, furniture and even games for humans in space.

The human colonies could float in lower orbit, as does the International Space Station, or even be built on the moon.

But even though the science and engineering exists, outer space remains uninhabited by humans.

"It's not a technical problem, but a political one," ex-



plains Larry Bell, professor of space architecture at the University of Houston.

"Politicians are trying to fix the economy and national and international problems, so space isn't a priority. It's seen as too expensive."

Launching a spacecraft carries a price tag of some \$10,000 per kilo.

Space agencies and private companies, however, are undeterred. NASA is even developing new space food for the expected increase in space travellers.

"Because there's no gravity, you can't even fry an egg in space," explains Alvin Drew, a NASA astronaut and head of NASA's advanced exploration systems habitat demonstration unit.

"But until now, the space food could only last for one to two years. Just going to Mars takes 18 months. So our food laboratory is developing new ways of cooking in space. It's still prepared food. But if you inject it into liquid you get a meal that's tastes very good. I just ate a space steak that tasted just like the real thing."

In the end, leaving Earth may become a necessity.

"Building space colonies will increase our chances of surviving," says Welch.

"Space exploration is humans' insurance policy."

Reluctant investors

Big space, little interest

The University of Houston's world-famous space-architecture program, headed by Larry Bell, has developed many of the buildings and furniture that could be used in space colonies.

But, says Bell, the number of applicants to the program has been dropping for the past several years.

"Young people see no future in space exploration,"

he notes.

That's because, five decades after John F. Kennedy announced the U.S. would send a man to the moon, the space race with the Soviet Union is over and politicians are reluctant to make major investments in space.

"Space isn't expensive compared to other things we spend money on," reflects Bell. "But as far as governments go, space now seems to be perceived as a burden."

ELISABETH BRAW/
METRO WORLD NEWS

MOON TOWN

Moon, the Earth's natural satellite, is the closest large celestial body to our planet. It's being pegged as our first location for space colonization, with plans to build a permanent base there by 2020.

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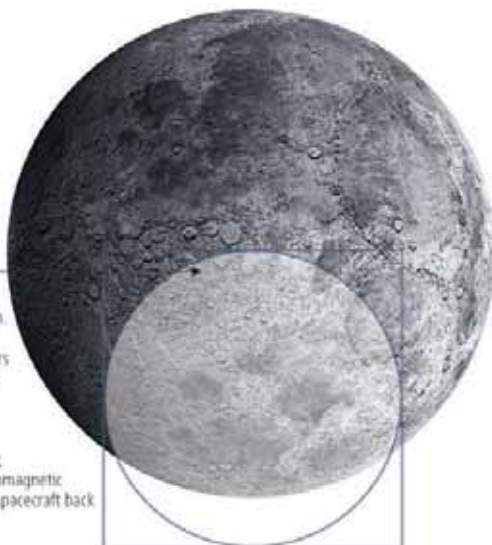
South Pole region

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Thrusters on full: Sex in space



Has anyone had sex in space? Leia and Han try to make time. 20TH CENTURY FOX

Anybody who has seen *Barbarella* or *Flash Gordon* will know that space is a sexy place, populated with lustful aliens and new possibilities.

But having a sex life in space is not as straightforward as Hollywood suggests, and would represent a giant leap for mankind. With Earth's resources diminishing, humans need space. They also need sex, and the species' survival may depend on erotic breakthroughs on these, the big questions.

Has anyone had sex in space?

Nobody's admitted it, although cheeky California scientist Dr. Rhawn Joseph says there are rumours of a couple "sealing the deal" on the International Space Station. In 1991, Jan Davis and Mark Lee became the first married couple to fly

together, breaking NASA rules designed to keep team harmony, but they are believed to have resisted temptation.

Is it even possible?

"The fantasy might be vastly superior to the reality," says spoilsport NASA physician Jim Logan, pointing to motion sick-

ness and the "messy environment" it would create. In 2000, French science writer Pierre Kohler claimed that NASA had been testing zero-gravity sex in different positions but it was revealed to be a hoax. NASA says it has never conducted any such research but is not against sex in principle, as

long as astronauts have "a constant commitment to honourable behaviour."

What is the best space-sex tech available?

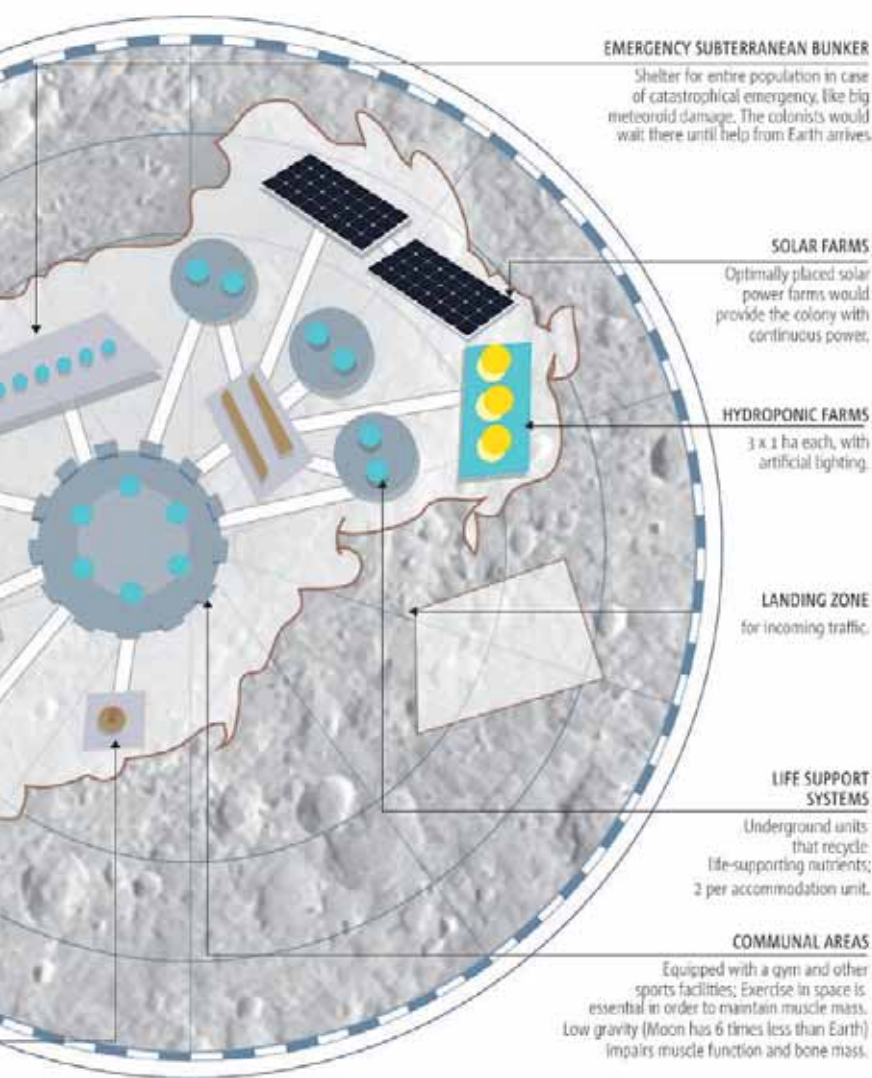
Probably actress/writer Vanna Bonta's "2 Suit," which uses light, flexible material that a couple can share playtime in. "Sex in space is not just a good idea, it's survival," said our hero. Real-estate billionaire Robert Bigelow is also ahead of the game with his Genesis prototype space hotel.

Could a baby be born in space — and would it be human?

Yes and no. "If you put an infant on Mars, they would adapt to the new environment," says Joseph, a neuroscientist. "And after several generations, you'd have a new species."

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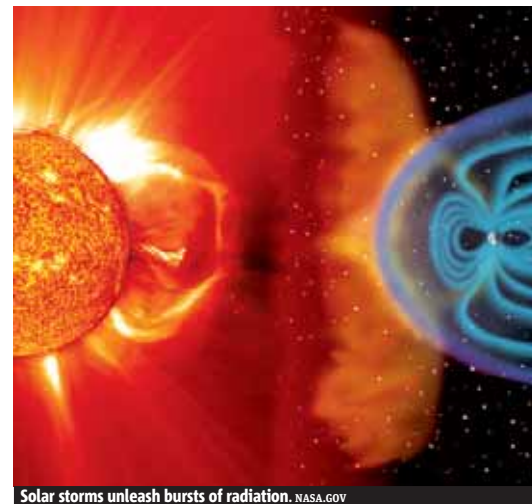
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Seeking shelter from the storms in space

Just as Earth has sun and wind, so does space. In fact, the space weather presents a crucial challenge to human habitation.

"Space weather is not about sun and wind," explains Dr. John Farrow, professor of space applications at the International Space University. "It's about plasma and radiation. But it does have as much variation as our weather down here. In the most extreme circumstances, the weather can terminate a space mission."

The space equivalent of rain is radiation, which rains down on astronauts and forces them to carry "umbrellas" — radiation-proof space suits — or stay inside their capsule.



Solar storms unleash bursts of radiation. NASA.GOV

Weather everywhere

"Space weather is not about sun and wind. It's about plasma and radiation. But it does have as much variation as our weather down here."

Dr. John Farrow, professor of space applications, International Space University

"But just like a regular umbrella doesn't fully protect against rain, a 'space umbrella' doesn't fully protect against radiation," notes Farrow. "And the problem with radiation is that you can't see it."

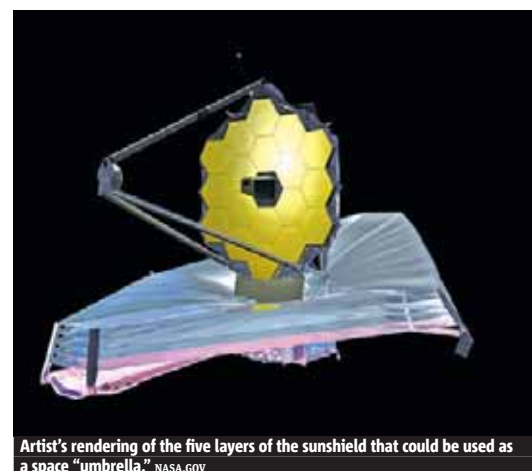
Radiation, of course, causes chronic illnesses like cancer.

"On the moon you have no protection against space weather," explains Prof. Alex Ignatiev, director of the Center for Advanced Materials at the University of Houston.

"If we're going to live there, we'd need a one-to-two-metre-thick layer of lunar sand on top of the capsule. Lunar sand absorbs radiation from the sun. Mars would be a little easier because it has a bit of atmosphere. But space weather is a major challenge."

On the other hand, the moon has water, and is easily accessible from Earth. But if humans are to establish space colonies, they have to design space suits that will provide complete protection against radiation.

They also have to design space capsules that can withstand sudden weather changes and fluctuating temperatures.



Artist's rendering of the five layers of the sunshield that could be used as a space "umbrella." NASA.GOV

Not surprisingly, space agencies have entire teams dedicated to space weather, but they face a daunting task: Creating weather-proof gear that weighs very little. Weight is an essential issue as each kilo of payload costs \$10,000 to launch into space.

In the meantime, space agencies have developed a new capability — and one that will be extremely useful even to us earthlings: Space-weather prediction.

"They can tell what's coming and issue an alarm to companies operating satellites," says Farrow.

"If the companies don't react, the satellites can be destroyed."

That would mean no cellphone calls, no satellite-beamed TV, no cloud-computing.

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Q&A

'Next step will be the moon'

A Q&A with Alvin Drew, director of NASA's advanced exploration systems habitat demonstration unit.

When will we live in space?

Our goal is to explore Mars within 25 to 30 years. To reach that goal, we'll start by exploring asteroids, and keep exploring the moon. And to do so, we need human habitats on the Moon and these asteroids.

What will habitats look like?

Very different from the International Space Station. They won't look different on the outside, but

the difference is that the ISS is in lower orbit, within Earth's magnetic field, which protects us from radiation. A habitat farther away from Earth needs huge radiation protection. And farther

away from Earth there's never a sunset, so your body doesn't know what time of the day it is. Then there are speed delays: Even if you're communicating at the speed of light, a signal takes 20 minutes to reach Earth.

That's very different from the ISS, where we have cameras that literally look over the astronauts' shoulders and we can communicate immediately.

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- **Angry astrophysicist:** Neil deGrasse Tyson reviews Angry Birds Space.



Tech deal. AOL selling more than 800 patents to Microsoft for \$1 billion

Faltering Internet icon AOL was able to squeeze out more than \$1 billion US from Microsoft for a trove of some 800 patents in an auction, the latest sign of just how valuable such portfolios can be for the world's biggest technology companies.

"There is a fight for market share occurring on multiple fronts — technology, patents, advertising," said Colin Gillis, an analyst with BGC Financial who covers Microsoft. "Microsoft, more so than others out there, has been (using) its patent portfolio as a way to generate licence fees. This should strengthen that."

Patents have become a hot commodity in the high-tech industry in recent years. They're

Online edge

- Microsoft refused to say what the patents cover. Benchmark analyst Clayton Moran said they revolve around Internet technology, including advertising, search and mapping. This would help Microsoft go up against Google, a big rival that is ahead in all three areas.

useful both for attack (suing competitors) and for defence (warding off lawsuits with threats of countersuits).

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Facebook buys photo app Instagram for \$1 billion



The Instagram app is used on an iPhone Monday in New York. Facebook is paying \$1 billion to acquire the service. KARYL DOMB SADO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Picture perfect.

Social-networking giant looking to expand its mobile presence with the acquisition

Facebook is spending \$1 billion US to buy the photo-sharing company Instagram in the social network's largest acquisition ever.

Instagram lets people apply filters to photos they snap with their mobile devices and share them with friends and strangers. Some of the filters make the photos look as if they were taken in the 1970s or on Polar-

Online sharing

"We think the fact that Instagram is connected to other services beyond Facebook is an important part of the experience."

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg

oid cameras.

"This is an important milestone for Facebook because it's the first time we've ever acquired a product and company with so many users," CEO Mark Zuckerberg wrote on his Facebook page. "We don't plan on doing many more of these, if any at all."

Facebook said it plans to keep Instagram running independently. That's a departure from its tendency to buy small startups and integrate the technology — or shut them down altogether just so it can hire talented engineers and developers.

Facebook is paying cash and stock for San Francisco-based Instagram and hiring its 10 employees. The deal is expected to close by the end of June.

Facebook is expected to complete its initial public offering of stock next month. Getting Instagram is a big win for Facebook as it works to harness people's growing obsession with their mobile devices and sharing every moment of their lives. Instagram was only available on Apple devices until recently. An app for Android devices was released last week.

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NOVA SCOTIA ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES COMMISSION

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

A Nova Scotia Electoral Boundaries Commission has been established to recommend revisions to the electoral boundaries for the Legislative Assembly of Nova Scotia.

The Commission will hold public meetings across the province to obtain public input on changes to Nova Scotia's electoral boundaries. It is asking for input on several key subject areas. A list of questions regarding these key subject areas can be obtained by contacting the Commission or by visiting the Commission's website.

AN ADDITIONAL PUBLIC MEETING WILL BE HELD AS FOLLOWS:

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Business optimism on the rise

Business optimism in Canada is rising sharply as the gloom of the winter months appears to be giving way to better expectations for sales, hiring and investment, a new Bank of Canada survey suggests.

The quarterly survey of senior management from 100 representative firms, conducted over four weeks in February and March, found the outlook for future sales among the most positive since the recession.

It showed 58 of the respondents expected higher

sales in the next 12 months, as opposed to 23 who expected fewer.

That put Bank of Canada's important measure of business confidence at a positive 35, a big turnaround from the negative four balance of opinion in its January report.

It follows an unexpectedly strong employment report last week from Statistics Canada, which said 82,000 jobs were added in March, reversing what had been a few months of modest employment downturns.

"The good Canadian news just keeps rolling," said Derek Holt, an economist with Scotia Capital.

The snap-back in business confidence, while encouraging, raises the risk of the central bank moving to hike interest rates later this year, although there is no urgency, added Bank of Montreal's deputy chief economist Douglas Porter.

For that to happen, he said, "firmer business sentiment has to translate into firmer growth." THE CANADIAN PRESS



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I DON'T CARE ABOUT YOUR KLOUT SCORE



SHE SAYS...
Jessica Napier
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I recently received an email letting me know that I had FINALLY achieved a Klout score in the 40s, 45 to be precise. What tangible impact has this had on my everyday life? Abso-

lutely none.

Founded in 2008, Klout.com allows users to measure their fluctuating influence across the social web. While "clout" refers to real political or social power, Klout with a "K" is a much more superficial unit of measurement, much like anything from the Kardashian Collection.

Users relinquish all sorts of private data from their various social networks — Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn — and Klout compiles a score ranging from one to 100. This influence score reflects your ability to drive action within your social circles.

I first learned about Klout at a web conference I attended last year. I registered immediately, a decision based on equal parts curiosity and vanity. After determining my score and realizing just how irrelevant it was, I completely forgot about my account.

Scope of influence

While I was quick to dismiss Klout, many are eager to find out where they land on the barometer of influence. To date, the San Francisco startup has assigned Klout scores to over 100 million people and brands worldwide.

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Interestingly, Klout not only tells you who you are influencing and how much, but what topics you are influential about. However, based on my personal experience, the accuracy of these insights varies from spot-on

to absolutely absurd.

Here are some of the peculiar subject areas that I am apparently influential about: the New York Jets, animals, diamonds. I can guarantee that I have never made an online (or offline) reference to the New York Jets in my life, so who knows what sort of obscure logarithms they use to come up with this nonsense. As an animal-indifferent individual with a non-existent diamond collection, I'm pretty skeptical on whether these insights into my online reputation are really all that significant.

In a recent study titled The Rise of Digital Influence, author Brian Solis questions the accuracy of Klout and similar measurement tools that rank users' online social capital. Solis suggests that in reality these arbitrary numbers aren't a reflection of an individual's true influence or capacity to influence but of their online visibility.

As social media becomes less about socializing and more about shameless self-promotion, companies like Klout certainly aren't going anywhere. And while I'm sure there's some real value in analyzing online engagement, this quantification of influence has also created an army of self-important tweeters obsessing over their personal brand.



A shop in Tahrir Square is spray-painted with the word "Facebook" after the government shut off Internet access in this Feb. 4 file photo. Klout.com allows users to measure their social influence, but the accuracy is up for debate.

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Weather — a 'guilty pleasure'



Visitors stand under cherry trees in blossom by the Tidal Basin March 19 in Washington, D.C. It's been so warm in the United States this year, especially in March, that national records weren't just broken, they were deep-fried. ALEX WONG/GETTY IMAGES

Not your average March

High temperatures alarm experts

Temperatures in the lower 48 states were above normal for March, according to calculations by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in the U.S. That far exceeds the old records.

The magnitude of how unusual the year has been in the U.S. has alarmed some meteorologists who have warned about global warming. One climate scientist said it's the weather equivalent of a baseball player on steroids, with old records obliterated.

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Global 'warning'?

"Everybody has this uneasy feeling. This is weird. This is not good.... It's a guilty pleasure. You're out enjoying this nice March weather, but you know it's not a good thing."

Jerry Meehl, climate scientist who specializes in extreme weather at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colo.

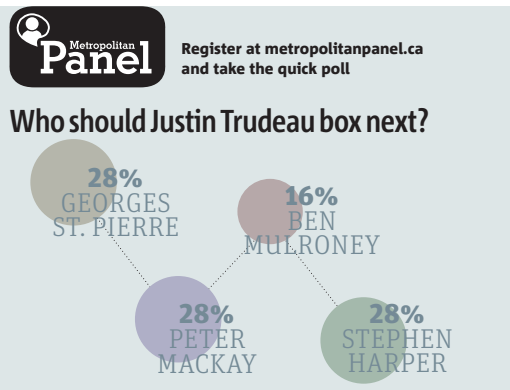
The facts

- It's important to note that this unusual winter heat is mostly a North American phenomenon. Much of the rest of the Northern Hemisphere has been cold, said NOAA meteorologist Martin Hoerling.
- The atypical heat goes back even further. The U.S. winter of 2010-2011 was slightly cooler than normal and one of the snowiest in recent years, but after that things started heating up.
- The summer of 2011 was the second-warmest summer on record.

Record-breaking

1.4

The first quarter of 2012 broke the January-March record by 1.4 degrees. Usually records are broken by just one- or two-tenths of a degree. U.S. temperature records date to 1895.



Twitter

@beePR14: I'm in disbelief that someone would set up snares in Shubie Park. Awful. #Halifax #Dartmouth

@mustardseedjobs: Faint rainbow in the sky of #Halifax as the rain pours down! Better rain than snow I say!

@hfxgirl: There's a store at Lacewood called 'Everything One Dollar and More!' Doesn't that describe

most stores?

@dukertons: I know who will get my vote for the Mayor of #Halifax - Mr. Lahey. At least he will make city council meetings entertaining.

@evilpez4: The difference between a three day weekend as opposed to a four day weekend can be measured by bitterness. #Halifax

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SCENE

Scene in brief

Stars to
earn their
stripes

A new TV competition series that tests celebrities against the demands of military exercises will be produced for NBC. *Stars Earn Stripes* is the working title of the show from veteran producers Dick Wolf (*Law & Order*) and Mark Burnett (*Survivor*, *The Voice*). Nine celebrities from music, sports and Hollywood will be paired with trainers at a "top-notch, secret training facility," the producers said. The contestants will face weekly challenges such as hostage-rescue exercises or placing a laser target atop a mountain. Burnett, who joined the British military at age 17 and served as a paratrooper, said celebrities and the audience will realize how "hard and scary" such tasks are. An air date for *Stars Earn Stripes* wasn't announced.

On the web



Loud and clear: Country star Keith Urban enjoys benefits of surgery, performs at Hall benefit



Conor Maynard's vocals are impressing some big names in the music world. LEFTERIS PITARAKIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Move over Bieber, here comes a Brit

New talent. British teen Conor Maynard is set to debut a single after being discovered on YouTube. Sound familiar?

Being called the new Justin Bieber has put British singer Conor Maynard on the music world's radar.

The 19-year-old from Brighton has gone from uploading videos of himself singing at home to working with Pharrell Williams on his debut album in Florida.

Maynard realized that by putting up covers of current tracks, people would stumble across his own versions. The results were impressive — NeYo offered to work with him after

watching his version of Beautiful Monster and Chris Brown retweeted the video of his Yeah 3x. Maynard couldn't believe his luck.

Actually, he was so skeptical he insisted on a chat with NeYo, to make sure it was the real R'n'B deal, rather than his friends joking around.

"It was about midnight when I was on Skype to him, everyone in my house was asleep," Maynard told *The Associated Press*.

"So I was like, 'Hi, NeYo.' That kind of killed any star-struckness — I had to talk really quietly."

Record company interest followed and now Maynard is dropping his debut single, *Can't Say No*, on April 20 through Polydor.

The comparisons with Bieber aren't that far off the mark. Both got their break via

YouTube, both were mentored by an established rhythm and blues star (Bieber's being Usher) and both, while inspired by American urban music, are foreigners.

"In terms of the music, it ends there," says Maynard.

"(I have) a very different sound. But it's obviously flattering to be compared to one of the biggest artists in the world right now when I haven't even released my first single yet."

His talent was discovered when he was overheard singing to himself on the way home from school in Brighton, a hip coastal town in southern England.

His friends kept asking him to perform, so he started putting videos online to keep them happy.

Soon after NeYo spotted him, record companies caught on and he signed with Polydor

in the U.K. MTV has picked him as being one to watch for 2012 after he won their Brand New competition.

Thanks to Maynard's online following, *Can't Say No* has already clocked up over three million views in a month. He's also got 124,560 followers on Twitter — and the number is rising.

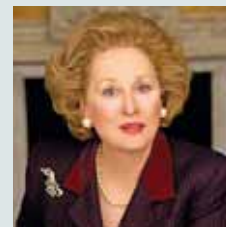
Can't Say No is reminiscent of Justin Timberlake's vocals, with a catchy "Houston, I think we got a problem" hook.

An album is set to follow this summer and it has already gone down well with his five-star friends. Maynard has played it for Pharrell, Ludacris, Tyler The Creator, Lil Wayne and NeYo, among others.

"They've heard all the tracks I was doing and what I'm planning to do — they're really excited about it as well," he said.

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DVD reviews



The Iron Lady

Director. Phyllida Lloyd

Stars. Meryl Streep, Jim Broadbent, Richard E. Grant

Phyllida Lloyd's biopic on Margaret Thatcher takes its title from the nickname of Britain's first female prime minister, who was hailed by some and cursed by others when she headed the government from 1979 to 1990.

The film's 2011 theatrical release gathered similar extremes of reactions. But nearly everyone agrees on one thing: Meryl Streep gives a towering performance in the title role. She was rewarded with a best-actress Oscar for a portrayal that takes Thatcher from shopkeeper's daughter to young bride, and from powerhouse in parliament to tottering, demented old widow. Lloyd, and writer Abi Morgan, use the controversial device of the ghost spouse. Thatcher's late husband, Denis, played by the reliable Jim Broadbent, appears frequently as Thatcher's spectral companion, offering advice and admonishments with loving devotion. It's a difficult trick to pull off, and its use here has not been universally applauded. But to me, it's a perfect evocation by two superlative actors of the almost supernatural bond that longtime couples achieve.

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Here comes the Biel: Jessica's going gown shopping?



Jessica Biel ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Jessica Biel is a bride-to-be on a mission.

The actress, who is reportedly engaged to Justin Timberlake, embarked on a seven-hour shopping spree in Paris Friday — with stops at at least two major bridal designers,

according to People magazine. Biel's assistant, at her side the whole time, was reportedly toting a massive wedding planning book.

Sources have speculated that the couple will tie the knot this summer.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Katy Perry is 'tired' of her fabricated fame. Zzzzzz.



THE WORD
Dorothy Robinson
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Oh boo-hoo: Katy Perry, one of the most manufactured pop stars of the past decade, is fed up with fame, according to Teen Vogue.

"I'm tired of being famous already! But I'm not tired of creating. Fame is, I think, just a disgusting by-product of what I do," Perry tells the magazine. "It's a delicate creature — a wild animal of sorts. It can love you, and then it can attack you. But really, I stopped focusing on what other people think a



while ago."

Oh, so you wearing an ice cream bra, marrying a super-famous actor and then divorcing him, riding Teenage Dream into the ground until it yielded as many No. 1 singles as Thriller and then releasing yet another version of the album (The Complete Confection) are all ploys to keep you under the radar? Yes, that totally makes sense.

Being famous and then complaining about being famous is so tiring. You can give it all up and live in a yurt, you know. It's not that hard to not be a celebrity anymore. Just look at Tiffany.

Twitter



@JessicaSimpson

Last chance to see me "fat" aka PREGNANT on the cover of Elle :) I loved this shoot, only on stands for a few more days!!!



@LeslieMann

Just cut my lip trying to bite off the corkscrew to my wine bottle. Im alone too.



@ConanOBrien

Just saw a lame white guy lip-synching a Jay-Z song as I drove past the mirror store.



@JohnFugelsang

The only thing Americans hate more than the Chinese being communist is when the Chinese outdo us as capitalists.

Bad boy Jesse James has been beat up enough



Jesse James

As far as Jesse James is concerned, it's about time everyone forgave him for cheating on Sandra Bullock. "I think I've paid the price and then some, you know? I don't know anybody anywhere that's had to endure what I had to endure for basically infidelity," the reality TV star tells Yahoo's omg! blog. "I stood up like a man and admitted my wrongs and what I did and all that did is make every s— tabloid everywhere across the world come after me even harder. I'm strong. I can take it."

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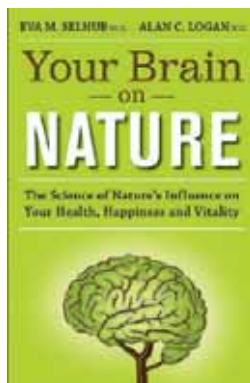
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what we all know innately: exposure to nature has a

Nature nerds**Can't get outside?**

- **Decorating.** Bring the outdoors in. When decorating your home, use natural wood, but not too

much of it. Studies show the ideal amount is 30 per cent to 40 per cent of the surface area. Potted plants are great; the ideal number in an office is four.

powerful influence on the brain.

"There isn't a single study that proves beyond question that nature is good for the brain, but rather it is the combination of all the studies," says Dr. Alan Logan, co-author of a new book called Your Brain on Nature.

His message?

"Take nature breaks and power down the smartphone." Logan is a graduate of the Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine and now lives in Connecticut.

His co-author is Dr. Eva Selhub, a Harvard Medical School physician.

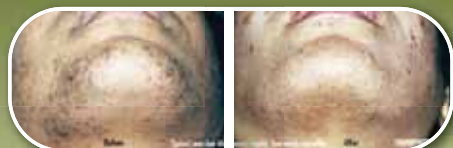
Japanese studies were

among the first to show that immersing oneself in green space, or "forest bathing," has a positive effect on stress and immunity.

Emerging studies show time spent in forests or urban parks also leads to enhanced cognitive focus and positive mental outlook, says Logan.

Why?

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How to beat your allergies this season

You don't have to suffer this year.

There are plenty of options out there for those who fight with seasonal allergies

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When you have allergies, you know how tough it can be to make it through a spring day — let alone a spring hour.

"Your body's natural defenses are overreacting to substances that are usually not harmful," says Dr. Carol G. Baum, an allergist at New York City's ENT and Allergy Associates, about how allergic reactions start. And lately, as you've probably heard, the conditions for these spring-time vexations are only getting worse.

"Every year we hear that

Give it a try

One more option for those who suffer:

- **Neti pots.** Don't fear these little contraptions. Dr. Travis Stork, an emergency doc and host of *The Doctors*, assures us that their healing capabilities are legit. "Your sinuses are interconnected. The saline water is going through your sinuses and washing them up. It's mechanically washing away all the congestion during spring allergy season ... It's very refreshing."



There are options if you suffer from allergies. ISTOCK PHOTOS

this is the worst allergy season ever, but I think there is an understanding that with climate change our winters are warmer — and certainly that was the case this year," Baum says.

"Because of that, the allergy seasons tend to start a little earlier and last a little longer, and also the pollen levels tend to be a little higher."

Thankfully, you can find comfort amidst the budding trees with these options to help make you breathe a little easier.

Option A: Avoidance

Simply put, learn your triggers and get out of their way. "If someone is allergic to pollen, I try to encourage them to run air-conditioning," Baum says. "If they're in the car, have the windows closed, run the air-conditioning. I always try to encourage people not to get a home close

to a highway where there's a lot of pollutants. I try to encourage pets to be out of the home and certainly out of the bedroom — you spend a third of your life sleeping in a bedroom, [and] dander can get into the bedding."

Option B: Medication

"There's a lot of medications available," Baum says. "They include oral antihistamines as well as topical antihistamines or steroids that may be applied as sprays to the nose or as drops to the eyes." The good news is you can find a combination that works best for you.

Option C: Allergy shots

Allergen immunotherapy, or allergy shots, exposes your body to allergens in small doses. "You give minute amounts of the allergen very gradually, on a weekly basis, usually over

a period of about six months," Baum says.

"Then they get monthly injections for a period that can run usually between three and five years."

Thoughts on...

Being present in our daily lives

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As you move through your day, remember to stay present in each moment. In doing so, you will live your life without having to wait for the future or yearn for the past.

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Ingredients

- 125 ml (1/2 cup) arborio (short grain Italian) rice
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There's a gooeyness and richness than gets tiresome after just a few bites. My accom-

panying rice is dry and bland, and the beans are over-salted. This dish has that standardized taste one finds in a chain restaurant.

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You've finished your tax return and you're upset because the refund is less than you hoped. But you're also annoyed with yourself because you didn't maximize your RRSP contributions.

There's not much you can

Alison's money rule

"Small monthly changes now add up to a bigger RRSP contribution."

do for 2011 but you still have over 10 months to find an extra \$2,000 to ease next year's tax burden. (The following advice is for those who have their debt load under control. If not do the same thing but divert the money to your debts.)

1. Devote some of your tax refund to your RRSP (\$750)

Last year, according to the Canadian Revenue Agency, the average refund was \$1,506, most from payroll deductions. Take half of that and put it into your RRSP.

2. Increase your monthly RRSP contributions by \$50 (\$500 annually based on the 10 remaining contribution months)

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Make these five steps a habit and you'll be well on your way to cutting your taxes and beefing up your retirement savings.

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Funeral etiquette



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Because my ex-husband is angry and uncivil, I have not been in communication with my ex-in-laws since our divorce. We were together for more than 20 years and have children. When there is a death or illness in that family, what protocol should I follow? It would seem strange for me to ignore it or not attend a funeral. Please advise.

Hello. As you are experiencing anger and lack of civility is unfortunately common after a difficult divorce, and now translating that into dealing with former family members for such things as death becomes really tough. Even worse, the stress and unease of death makes many people react in an irrational and difficult way.

So back to your question; what should you do when you wish to attend a funeral of a divorced partner? Remember going to a funeral generally has two objectives:

1. To assist you with your personal grieving process.
2. To assist the family and be supportive of them through



Divorces can sometimes make attending a funeral a difficult process. ISTOCK

their grieving process.

If it is a large public funeral, you should feel free to attend. However, if this is a small or private funeral I think it's best you speak with the next of kin (ideally the head of the family of the deceased or your former husband or in-laws etc.).

First express your condolences and ask if they would feel comfortable with you attending the funeral, since you knew and loved the deceased for more than 20 years. If they say yes, then attend the funeral, but out of respect for your ex-husband and children, keep a low profile. You are there to pay respects to the person who has just died.

In the event that the family says no, then don't make a big deal about it. You can celebrate this person's life in several ways: have a church mass said

in this person's name or make a small donation to a hospital or organization in the name of the deceased.

Finally no matter what the scenario is, write a note of condolence to each of the family members you are close with. This is the nicest and most gracious way to think of the living and the dead at the same time.

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100TH ANNIVERSARY: TITANIC

Tuesday, April 10, 2012



Halifax will be the only Titanic City outside of Europe that will mark the disaster's centenary this month. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE/PA, FILES

Familiar scenario for Halifax

Centenary. Grieving for someone else's disaster has become traditional role for city

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April 2012 marks 100 years since RMS Titanic struck an iceberg and sunk into the Atlantic, and Halifax is one of six "Titanic Cities" marking the disaster's centenary.

Halifax is the only Titanic City outside of Europe and the only one that was never supposed to have any connection to the Titanic. The rescue and

recovery were launched out of Halifax because it was the nearest port city with a railway connection.

The grim recovery brought 150 bodies to be buried in the city. A recent article in the U.K. Telegraph called Halifax "Titanic's coroner, undertaker and mourner," praising our forebears for gathering, identifying and burying the bodies with "diligence and respect."

Rob Gordon, co-author of Titanic Halifax (with Alan Jeffers), says it's a role Halifax has often fulfilled.

"Halifax was where the world did its mourning. New York got the survivors; we got the dead. In some ways, that's become our traditional role —

Timeline

- **April 10, 1912:** The Titanic sails from Southampton
- **April 14, 11:40 p.m.:** The Titanic hits iceberg.
- **April 15, midnight:** Captain calls for help.
- **2:05 a.m.:** Last lifeboat departs, stranding 1,500.
- **2:20 a.m.:** The Titanic sinks.
- **April 17:** Cable steamer Mackay-Bennett leaves Halifax.
- **April 26:** Mackay-Bennett returns to Halifax with 190 bodies.
- **May 3 to June 12:** Titanic victims buried in Halifax.

to grieve for someone else's disaster," he says.

He points to the 1873 sinking of White Star's Atlantic near Lower Prospect, the

crash of Swissair Flight 111 off Peggy's Cove in 1998, and the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks in the U.S., when dozens of diverted planes brought 8,000

shocked passengers to the Halifax airport.

"(The Titanic) was not the first time we'd been in this position, but I guess it's the most famous," he says.

During the research for his book, Gordon discovered he had a family connection: His great-uncle's fiancée escaped the disaster, while two other family members died. Their bodies were not found, but those that were recovered were taken to Snow's funeral home. Snow's still operates in Halifax, but what was the morgue in 1912 is now a restaurant — the Five Fishermen.

Gordon was also surprised to learn that the YMCA he frequented had a Titanic con-

nection. George Wright, who died on the ship, left money to build it.

The Maritime Museum of the Atlantic is one of the most visible markers of Halifax's Titanic connection. It displays some of the most significant Titanic artifacts in the world, including a well-preserved deck chair, a medicine chest, table leg and a cabbage board. It also has some heartbreaking items like a child's shoe, the log of the Titanic's wireless distress messages and the fragment of a life-jacket.

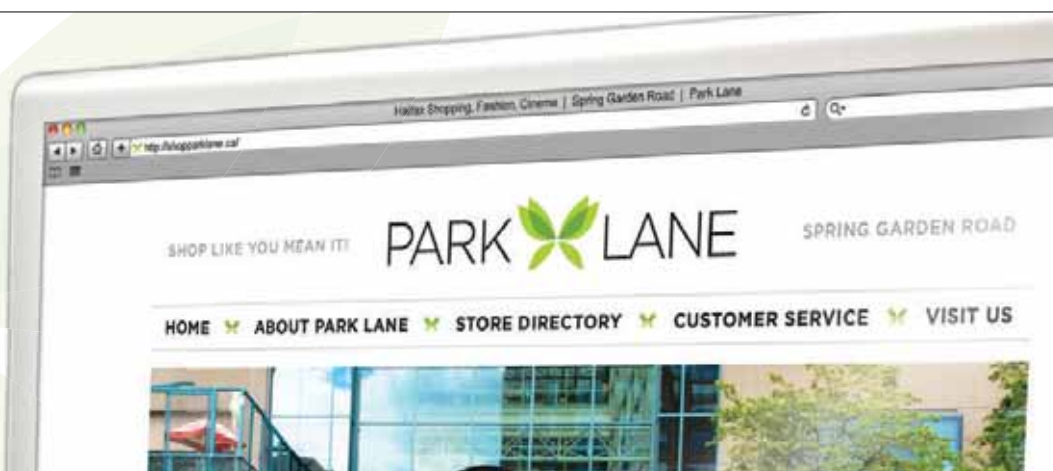
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A tale of two Haligonians

Life and death.

Businessman and musician were aboard the Titanic in 1912

JON
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Two Haligonians sailed on the Titanic — one died while the other survived.

George Wright was born in Halifax in 1849. He travelled the world on business and created the massive Wright's Business Directory to connect firms internationally, which made him a wealthy man.

He retired in 1901 and built a home on Young Avenue and Inglis Street. He continued to winter in southern Europe and was making his way home in the spring of 1912 via the Titanic's maiden voyage. He stopped to see his lawyer in London to update his will before departure. He never married and had no children, so he left his home to the Halifax Local Council of Women.

None of the survivors remembered seeing Wright on the Titanic and his body was not found. He was known as a heavy sleeper and may have slept through the whole or-



The house of George Wright, who perished on the Titanic. CONTRIBUTED

deal — or at least until it was too late. He does have a grave marker at Christ Church Dartmouth. The council went on to play an important role in winning women the vote and is still based in the landmark building. Wright's den is now the office of NDP MLA Leonard Preyra.

Hilda Slayter was born in Halifax in 1882. She left in 1902 to study music in Italy.

Her singing career faltered, and, at 27, she decided she was ready to marry. She accepted the proposal of a British aristocrat with the impressive name of Harry Reginald Dunbar Lacon of Ottley, who owned a farm in B.C.

She travelled to London to buy her "trousseau" — basically her wedding dress — and booked passage on the Titanic. Slayter boarded with

trunks containing her satin, opal and pearl wedding outfits, valued at \$7,000.

When the Titanic hit the iceberg, Slayter found her way onto lucky lifeboat 13. Her wedding dress was lost to the Atlantic, but she married Lacon a few months later.

After her death in 1965, her body was returned to Halifax and buried in the Camp Hill Cemetery.

Many events marking 100th anniversary

As Halifax pays its respects to the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic, there will be no shortage of events to mark the occasion. Here are a few.

Titanic Prix Fixe Menu:

The Five Fishermen, home to a funeral home in 1912, is offering a prix fixe menu option all month long that is inspired by the first class service menu of the Titanic.

And The Band Played On:

A tribute to the RMS Titanic orchestra, this concert will take place at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium tonight at 7:30. Tickets are \$35, plus service charges. Some of the musicians who played on the Titanic are buried in Halifax.

Two-hour Bus Tour:

Local historian Blair Beed will take people on a Titanic bus tour. Tickets are \$25 and the tours will depart from Historic Properties at noon and 2:30 p.m. on April 14.

The Gathering: A walking candle-lit procession will symbolize Halifax's role in the tragedy as a horse-drawn carriage with a period-style casket and pallbearers lead the procession. The event begins April 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic and is free of charge.

Titanic Toy Model Workshop:

A family activity, children six and older can build a small wooden model of the Titanic at

the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic. The event begins at 1:30 p.m. April 15 and the cost is simply the price of admission to the museum.

The Titanic Dinner:

The Brooklyn Warehouse will be offering a 10-course meal on April 15 at 6 p.m. that reinterprets the dining menu served on April 14, 1912. The cost is \$100.

Exploring The Wreck Of The Titanic:

Steve Blasco, a marine geologist who served as an adviser on James Cameron's Titanic, will compare the current state of the vessel to photographs of when it was under construction in 1911. The free event will be take place April 18 at 7 p.m. at the Keshen Goodman Public Library.

Titanic Memorial Service Recreation:

April 21 marks the 100th anniversary of the original memorial service held for Titanic victims. The event will be structured around the original service, including music and readings. Tickets are \$20 (\$15 for students) and the event is taking place at 8 p.m. at St. Paul's Church.

Author Reading With Hugh Brewster:

Author of the newly released, RMS Titanic: Gilded Lives on a Fatal Voyage, Brewster will be speaking at the Spring Garden Road Memorial Public Library April 22 at 2:30 p.m. The event is free.

RICHARD WOODBURY

Crash factors. Astronomy may have been one cause

RICHARD
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For Metro

It is well-known the Titanic crashed as a result of hitting an iceberg, but what gets much less attention are other

factors that contributed to the crash.

One that has recently received attention is the role astronomy may have played in the crash. In the current issue of Sky & Telescope magazine, physics Prof. Donald Olson

co-authored an article looking at this connection.

"There can be unexpected connections between astronomy and events in history," the Texas State University professor wrote in an email.

In this case, the moon

was the closest it had come to Earth in more than 1,000 years.

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Maritime Museum tells Titanic story

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In amongst the artifacts at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, there is one item in particular that stands out. Measuring about 14 centimetres in length and six

centimetres wide, the tiny pair of leather shoes belonged to 19-month-old Sidney Leslie Goodwin, an English boy who died in the Titanic disaster.

For Gerry Lunn, the curator of interpretation at the museum, the shoes stir a response in him whenever he looks at them, much like

they do for anybody else who encounters them.

"As a parent looking at those shoes, I can't help but think of my own children when they were of a size to wear shoes of that size," he says. "Of course, that leads me to thinking about how I would have felt if I had been

placed in the situation of a parent holding on to the hand of a youngster, just under two years (of age) on the deck of this ship, knowing I and my child were quite likely going to perish. At that point, I can't really think about those emotions because they become too powerful for me."

Lunn says people often spend more time looking at the shoes than other parts of the exhibit and when they do, it's often "in rather hushed tones," he says.

The Maritime Museum houses a permanent Titanic exhibit, titled The Unsinkable Ship and Halifax, which looks

at the city's connection to the legendary marine tragedy.

With the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic upon us, there is a special temporary exhibit that will be offered beginning Thursday. It relates to the role that cable ships played in the recovery effort.



The Fairview Lawn Cemetery is the final resting place for 121 Titanic victims. JON TATTIRIE/FOR METRO

Final resting place. Halifax has more graves than any other location

JON TATTIRIE
For Metro

The rescue effort for the Titanic was launched from Halifax, the nearest major port with rail connections, and most of the recovered victims were buried here.

Three ships left Halifax for the site of the sinking: Mackay-Bennett, Minia and Montmagny. They, along with Newfoundland's Algerine, found most of the 337 bodies. The wreckage was scattered over many miles and 80 per cent of the bodies were lost.

"As far as the eye could see, the ocean was strewn with wreckage and debris, with bodies bobbing up and down in the cold sea," Arminius Wiseman wrote aboard the

Mackay-Bennett after arriving at the site of the Titanic sinking.

Of the bodies found, 119 were buried at sea, 209 were brought to Halifax and 59 were claimed by relatives and repatriated.

The remaining 150 bodies were first kept in a temporary morgue in the Mayflower Curling Club on Agricola Street or at Snow's funeral home. They were then buried in three Halifax cemeteries: 121 at Fairview Lawn Cemetery; 19 at Mount Olivet Catholic Cemetery; and 10 at Baron de Hirsch Jewish Cemetery. Forty-two bodies were never identified.

Halifax has more Titanic graves than any other location. Fairview is the main site for visitors, where signs mark

the Titanic history. The previously obscure grave of crewman Joseph Dawson became famous after the 1997 movie Titanic confused the real tomb marked "J. Dawson" with the fictional hero of the film.

Halifax had never dealt with such a confusing arrival of bodies both known and unknown, and quickly came up with a system for connecting bodies to their possessions, storing a large number of bodies, and then burying them swiftly.

Five years later, the city was struck by another tragedy — the Halifax Explosion. The system developed to handle the Titanic victims was revived and helped the city work through the December 1917 disaster.

Canadian stories were 'among the most interesting'

Alice Fortune, a 24-year-old from Winnipeg, is at a Cairo hotel Feb. 12, 1912, when an Indian man makes a startling premonition.

"He took her palm and read it and said, 'I see you on a small boat surrounded by water. You will live but everyone else will die or many

other people will die,'" says Hugh Brewster, the author of RMS Titanic: Gilded Lives on a Fatal Voyage. "Everyone sort of laughed at this."

Two months later, the Titanic sank.

While Fortune survived, as well as her mother and two sisters, the same

couldn't be said for her father and brother.

While Canadians made up a small contingent of the passengers on the Titanic, their

stories are often overlooked.

"The Canadians are among the most interesting passengers," says Brewster.

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SPORTS

NHL

Marchand
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Brad Marchand of Hammonds Plains collected two Boston Bruins team awards this week, taking home the Elizabeth Dufresne Trophy as best home performer and the John P. Bucyk Award for the greatest off-ice charitable contributions. The 23-year-old forward finished second in Bruins goal-scoring with 28 goals among 55 points in 76 games.



Remparts forward Jeremie Malouin, shown here checking Mooseheads forward Brent Andrews on Saturday, has scored both game-winners in the QMJHL quarter-final, while his line with Gabriel Desjardins and Alexandre Comtois has contributed five of the team's eight goals. JACQUES BOISSINOT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Key is locking down Desjardins trio

Making them work.

Former fan favourite's so-called third line has been the difference for Remparts so far in QMJHL quarter-final



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Nobody has done more damage to the Halifax Mooseheads over the past two games than Gabriel Desjardins and his linemates.

In a series full of high-profile stars, the former Mooseheads fan favourite and his lesser-known linemates Jeremie Malouin and Alexandre Comtois have led the charge for the Quebec Remparts, who lead the QMJHL quarter-final series 2-0 heading into Tuesday's Game 3 at the Metro Centre.

"They keep it simple, play hard, put pucks on net and play intense," said

Mooseheads head coach Dominique Ducharme. "We need to make sure we're winning battles against them. They're playing with intensity, they don't play a complicated game, and they're having success because they're going to the net."

While 92-point man Frederick Roy and 40-goal sniper Mikhail Grigorenko have combined for just a goal and an assist, Desjardins and the so-called third line have been on the ice for five of Quebec's eight goals, including all four non-empty-net even-strength tallies.

Malouin has both game-winning goals while Comtois (four assists) is tied with Desjardins (two goals, two assists) and Mooseheads rookie Nathan MacKinnon (three goals, one assist) for the series scoring lead.

The 19-year-old Desjardins, who the Remparts acquired in January for blue-liner Brendan Duke and a swap of draft picks, co-leads the Remparts in playoff

points and has been scoring at a 38-goal pace since the trade.

"He's played well since he's gone to Quebec, and we've got to make sure we battle every shift and make sure we're just as good or better than the guy we're matching up against," said Mooseheads right-winger Darcy Ashley.

Defenceman Sawyer Hanay added: "It comes down to shift-by-shift. We have to play equally as hard against every single one of their players and that's when we'll have success."

If the Mooseheads can keep the Desjardins trio in check, or at least match their intensity, it might be the difference in the series. They led by a goal going into the third period of each game and have been ahead for nearly 50 full minutes compared to less than 18 for the Remparts.

A break here or a break there and the Mooseheads feel the series could have at least been tied 1-1.

Advantage Remparts

- The Quebec Remparts have the edge on the Halifax Mooseheads in pretty much every statistical category that exists through two games.
- Their power play is three-for-seven to Halifax's three-for-12. They also have a 59-36 edge in shots and a 23-15 advantage in dangerous shots. They're up 31-27 in hits and 72-52 in faceoff wins.
- One statistical edge for the Mooseheads is in time played with a lead. They've been ahead for 49:56 to Quebec's 17:42.

"They were two exciting games that were close that could have gone either way," Ashley said. "Sometimes that's just how the dice roll, and we've got to come out in Game 3 ready to play."

NHL draft

Scouts rank Frk 20th among North American-based skaters

Halifax Mooseheads winger Martin Frk is ranked 20th among North American-based skaters for the 2012 NHL draft in Central Scouting's season-ending rankings, released Monday.

The 18-year-old winger has four goals and three assists in six playoff games after finishing the regular season with 28 points in his final 27 games. Frk missed the first three months of the season with a concussion.

Quebec Remparts star Mikhail Grigorenko, ranked third, is the only QMJHL player higher on the list than Frk.

Frk's teammate, forward Andrew Ryan, sits 109th, while defenceman Austyn Hardie debuts at No. 194. Winger Luca Ciampini, ranked 196th at mid-season, has fallen off the list.

MacKenzie Weegar, a junior A defenceman in Ontario who will join the Mooseheads next season, is ranked 198th.

Liam O'Brien of the Rouyn-Noranda Huskies (169th) and Taylor Burke of the Gatineau Olympiques (192nd), both of Halifax, also made the list, while Kentville's Brandon Whitney of the Victoriaville Tigres is ranked second among North American goaltenders.

Sarnia forward Nail Yakupov is ranked No. 1 after recording 31 goals and 69 points in 42 games for the Ontario Hockey League's Sting during an injury-shortened season.

The draft lottery, a weighted system to determine the order of selection for the first 14 picks, will take place Tuesday night.

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Mooseheads winger Martin Frk.
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MLB

Blue Jays drop home opener in packed dome

Ryan Sweeney singled home the go-ahead run in the ninth inning and the Boston Red Sox rallied to beat the Blue Jays 4-2, spoiling Toronto's home opener and avoid-

ing an 0-4 start. Dustin Pedroia homered and scored the tying run as the Red Sox handed Blue Jays closer Sergio Santos his second blown save in three appearances.

With a 2-1 lead to start the ninth, Santos gave up a leadoff double to Pedroia, who advanced to third on a passed ball and scored on a sacrifice fly by Adrian Gonzalez.

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Sergio Santos reacts in the ninth inning. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

NFL

Goodell sticks with penalties for bounties

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell rejected New Orleans Saints coach Sean Payton's appeal of a season-long suspension for pay-for-pain bounties.

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NHL

Sedin skates with teammates

Daniel Sedin was on the ice Monday before his teammates began their scheduled practice and remained with them, although there was no indication he would be ready for Vancouver's first playoff game Wednesday.

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Women's hockey



"I'm a big believer in the fact you can win in perfect circumstances and in less-than-perfect circumstances."

Canada captain Hayley Wickenheiser on her team, which is in transition and still finding its form at the women's world hockey championship.

Casey, Kim, Vegas are set to tee off

On the green. Glen Arbour Golf Course hosting Telus World Skins Games in late July



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Halifax golf fans now know three of the PGA tour stars who will tee it up at the Glen Arbour Golf Course this summer.

Paul Casey, Anthony Kim and defending champion Jhonattan Vegas were announced Monday as participants for the Telus World Skins Game at Glen Arbour on July 30 and 31.

Two more players will round out the five-man field, with those announcements expected in the coming weeks.

Casey, Kim and Vegas are no strangers to this event. All three played last year when the two-day tournament was held at the Fairmont Banff Springs Golf Course in Alberta.

"Casey is obviously a top-rated player in the world," said David Haggith of IMG Canada, which is part of the event. "Anthony Kim is one of the most talented players on tour, a pretty charismatic player.... Fans just loved Anthony last

Tickets

- Tickets for the Telus World Skins Game went on sale Monday and are available at telusskins.com or by phone at 1-877-451-1221.
- Tickets are \$99 for a two-day pass, with single-day passes costing \$65.
- Both prices do not include service fees.

year. And Jhony Vegas is much the same."

Vegas is ranked 139th in the world and has one career PGA tour victory, capturing the Bob Hope Classic in 2011. Casey also has one career PGA tour victory, winning the 2009 Shell Houston Open. He is currently ranked No. 42 in the world and has almost \$10 million US in career earnings.

Kim, ranked No. 140 in the world, is the most notable of the threesome. He has three PGA tour victories, and career earnings totalling over \$12.2 million.

"All three players fit the Skins game format perfectly," Haggith said. "They're person-



Paul Casey of England hits out of a bunker on the second hole during the second round of the Masters golf tournament last Friday.

CHRIS O'MEARA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

able guys. Fans get to see that personality. They're just great players."

A Canadian is usually part of the field, and Haggith said they hope to continue that trend this summer.

With Nike also an event sponsor, that leading contender would be Stephen Ames, who participated last year and is sponsored by the shoe company.

Excited

"I've heard wonderful things about Halifax and Atlantic Canada, so it's going to be a fun few days."

Jhonattan Vegas in a statement



Tickets went on sale Monday, with Haggith saying 5,000 tickets will be sold for each of the two days. Nine holes will be

played on Monday, July 30, with Holes 10 through 18 being competed for on Tuesday, July 31.

Haggith said for the skins

format, a capacity of 5,000 is the right amount for fans, with action taking place on only one hole at a time.

Hosting major golf events is nothing new for Glen Arbour. In July 2005, the 11-year-old course hosted the LPGA's BMO Canadian Women's Open and in 2000, the inaugural Wayne Gretzky and Friends Invitational took place featuring Canadian PGA tour star Mike Weir.



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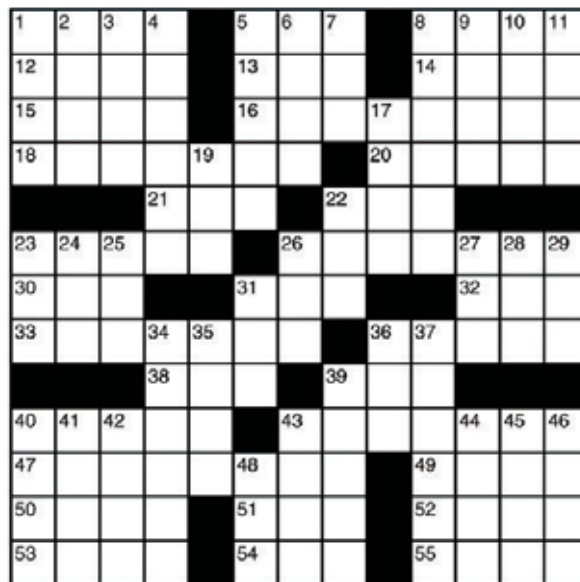
Crossword

Across

- 1 Charitable donations
- 5 Vacillate
- 8 Stylish
- 12 Castle protection
- 13 "Birds — feather ..."
- 14 Car
- 15 Gymnast Korbut
- 16 Shirk work
- 18 Greasy-spoon waitress, e.g.
- 20 Travelocity mascot
- 21 Buddhist sect
- 22 Lennon's lady
- 23 Hickory nut
- 26 Playboy
- 30 "That's relaxing"
- 31 Hasten
- 32 In olden days
- 33 Old washer attachment
- 36 Mountaineer's spike
- 38 Einstein's birthplace
- 39 Bart, to Homer
- 40 Remark to the audience
- 43 Brandy cocktail
- 47 TV slugfest host
- 49 Nastase of tennis
- 50 Calendar abbr.
- 51 Parisian pal
- 52 Dweeb
- 53 "Meet Me — Louis"
- 54 "Great Expectations" lad
- 55 Turns right

Down

- 1 Andy's pal
- 2 Lounge about
- 3 Creche trio
- 4 Verse
- 5 19th Amendment beneficiaries
- 6 Somewhere out there
- 7 Four qts.
- 8 Big gun
- 9 "Les Miserables" author
- 10 Couple, in a gossip column
- 11 Heart of the matter
- 17 "Aqua et — interdictus"
- 19 Army rank (Abbr.)
- 22 Have bills
- 23 Handle roughly
- 24 Listener
- 25 Greek X
- 26 Round Table address
- 27 Roscoe
- 28 Id counterpart
- 29 Director Howard
- 31 Height of fashion?
- 34 You can't pin anything on him!
- 35 Singer Campbell
- 36 Luau bowlful
- 37 Diamond period
- 39 Divest



- 40 Italian wine region
- 41 Twirled
- 42 Enrages
- 43 Big rig

- 44 Merriment
- 45 Green land
- 46 Cincinnati team
- 48 Space

Yesterday's Crossword



Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

F N W O S M Z B A W W R U W P
J B C N I Z N C F A B D K P ' T S I S O D W
U I D F N W S F F . O N T N W O N E E A S
E N E K S J U F A U W P J U M M S R .
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YOU MIGHT BE A CEDAR SEEDER.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals T



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Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku



Horoscope

- ♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20.**
Today is the ideal time to think about what you want to do with your life.
- ♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21.**
Your rather reserved exterior masks a passionate heart and with Pluto, planet of passion, moving in your favour today you will surely find something to get worked up about.
- ♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20.**
There is more to leadership than giving orders.
- ♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22.**
Chances are you will be more assertive than normal today, and not everyone will be pleased with that fact.

- ♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.** For some reason you appear to believe that others are ganging up on you. It's not true.
- ♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.** Differences with partners and colleagues and family members have been rather intense of late, but with Pluto now moving in your favour again you will realize that most of them are simply not worth the worry.
- ♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.** It may annoy you intensely that certain people are taking their time and dragging their feet but what can you do? Don't let your frustration show.
- ♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.**

- You will be more open and approachable than usual.
- ♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21.** A colleague will make a proposal that is actually quite risky sound like the best offer you've ever had. Hopefully you won't fall for it.
- ♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan. 20.** Pluto in your sign makes you ultra intense — but only be intense about the right things.
- ♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb. 18.** Think hard before diving into a situation you know little about. You can't save everyone you know.
- ♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.** There have been far too many lies and deceptions lately. Don't get fooled again. **SALLY BROMPTON**



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